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The Dewan's second note is practically confined to one subject — Mr. Mirza's attitude towards him. I think it is a most uncalled for attack on Mr. Mirza for I am sure that Mr. Mirza has never been discourteous in his letters. Outspoken in his views he may have been, but unfortunately Mr Dewan does not appreciate plain-speaking unless it is in agreement with him.

I can only suggest that Your Highness should again assure him that there has never been any intentional discourtesy or want of consideration on the part of your Secretaries, that you are sure Dewan recanders his resignation that if Mr. Dewan reconsiders his resignation he will find no want of courtesy on Mr. Mirza's part. He must not expect Your Highness' Secretaries to suppress their own views on matters of public importance which come before Your Highness. They cannot be muzzled in such a way if they are to loyally serve Your Highness. Plain speaking does not however imply discourtesy - all we ask for is the free right to criticize

advice. I need not say that nothing
has ever been done behind the Dewan's
back, or ever will be done.
He must either accept this assurance
or resign.
It would be a great folly if he were
to resign after this
I suppose he would not take leave
as a compromise! That would be
better than resigning - I will come
see Rao Bahadur tomorrow morning
at 8 am on the chance of being
able to speak to you, as the Dewan
apparently wants an answer tomorrow

Yours sincerely
D. Campbell
Private Secy

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